



# AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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## Prices Received by Florida Farmers

Florida Citrus producers received \$7.30 per box in March for oranges and \$4.80 per box for grapefruit. Tangerines and mandarins price per box were \$14.42. The March milk price was \$22.70 per hundredweight, 60 cents below February, but \$1.60 above March 2012. The March peanut price was 0.279 dollars per pound, down from 0.360 in March 2012.

## States Price Index

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in March, at 202 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 3 points (1.5 percent) from February. The Crop Index is up 5 points (2.1 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, corn, and eggs and lower prices for hogs, milk, wheat, and onions. In addition to prices, the overall Index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly movement of strawberries, corn, broilers, and milk offset the decreased marketing of cattle, soybeans, cotton, and hay. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 18 points (9.8 percent) from March 2012. The Food Commodities Index, at 185, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from last month and is 13 points (7.6 percent) higher than March 2012.

## Index Summary Table

Index	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013
Prices received.....	184	199	202
Prices paid .....	213	221	221
Ratio prices received to prices paid .....	86	90	91

## Average Price Received by Farmers

[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months and are for the entire month.]

Commodity	Florida			United States		
	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013
<b>MEAT ANIMALS</b>						
Cows <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				84.20	80.80	82.90
Steers & heifers <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				132.00	127.00	128.00
Calves <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				184.00	167.00	163.00
Hogs, all <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				65.20	64.50	59.80
<b>MILK</b> , all <sup>2</sup> ..... dollars per cwt	21.10	23.30	22.70	17.20	19.50	19.10
<b>POULTRY</b>						
Broilers, live <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per pound				0.570	0.610	0.660
Table eggs <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per dozen				0.791	0.776	0.952
<b>CITRUS, ON TREE</b>						
Oranges.....dollars per box	8.39	6.35	7.30	8.52	7.07	7.55
Grapefruit .....dollars per box	6.59	5.57	4.80	6.91	5.97	4.95
White ..... dollars per box	5.34	5.92	4.57			
Colored..... dollars per box	7.31	5.43	4.95			
Tangerines and Mandarins .....dollars per box	11.78	12.35	14.42	24.11	19.96	24.92
Tangelos.....dollars per box	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)	(S)
<b>FIELD CROPS</b>						
Potatoes ..... dollars per cwt	(D)	(D)	(D)	9.98	8.12	8.14
Hay, All baled .....dollars per ton				183.00	194.00	196.00
Peanuts .....dollars per pound	0.360	0.266	0.279	0.348	0.282	0.282
Corn <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per bushel				6.35	7.04	7.18
Cotton, Upland <sup>1</sup> .....dollars per pound				0.900	0.753	0.746
Soybeans <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per bushel				13.00	14.60	14.50
Wheat, Winter <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per bushel				6.70	7.87	7.47
<b>VEGETABLES</b>						
Beans, snap <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				57.60	60.30	105.00
Corn, sweet <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				33.70	36.70	32.50
Cucumbers <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				(S)	(S)	(S)
Tomatoes <sup>1</sup> ..... dollars per cwt				36.60	37.70	58.00

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.  
(S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate.  
<sup>1</sup> Only marketing year average prices are estimated for Florida, except broilers, and eggs which are not estimated.  
<sup>2</sup> Before deductions for hauling and government withholding, and includes quantity and other premiums, but excludes hauling subsidies.

Highlights-United States Prices Received by Farmers March 2013

**All Crops:** The Index, at 240, increased 2.1 percent from February and is 14 percent above March 2012. The increases for feed grains and hay, and commercial vegetables, more than offset the index decreases for oilseeds and food grains.

**Food Grains:** The Index, at 246, is 2.4 percent below the previous month but 7.4 percent above a year ago. The March price for all wheat, at \$7.66 per bushel, is down 31 cents from February, but 46 cents higher than 2012.

**Feed Grains and Hay:** The Index, at 307, is up 2.0 percent from last month and 13 percent above last year ago. The corn price, at \$7.18 per bushel, is up 14 cents from last month and 83 cents above March 2012. The All Hay price, at \$196.00 per ton, increased \$2.00 from February and is \$13.00 higher than last March. Sorghum grain, at \$12.30 per hundredweight, is 20 cents above February and up \$1.40 from March last year.

**Cotton, Upland:** The Index, at 123, is down 0.8 percent from February and 17 percent below last year. The March price, at 74.6 cents per pound, is down 0.7 cents from the previous month and 15.4 cents below last March.

**Oilseeds:** The Index, at 252, is down 1.2 percent from February but 8.2 percent higher than March 2012. The soybean price, at \$14.50 per bushel, decreased 10 cents from February but is \$1.50 above March 2012.

**Potatoes and Dry Beans:** The Index, at 144, is down 3.4 percent from last month and 21 percent below March 2012. The all potato price, at \$8.14 per hundredweight, is up two cents from February but down \$1.84 from last March. The all dry bean price, at \$32.00 per hundredweight, is down \$6.50 from the previous month and \$15.10 below March 2012.

**Fruits and Nuts:** The Index, at 183, is up 1.1 percent from February and is 11 percent higher than a year ago. The price increases for strawberries and oranges more than offset price decrease for apples and grapefruit.

**Commercial Vegetables:** The Index, at 241, is up 14 percent from last month and 96 percent above March 2012. Price increases during March for lettuce and tomatoes more than offset the price declines for celery and onions.

**Livestock and Products:** The Index, at 165, is 1.9 percent above last month and is 3.1 percent higher than March 2012. Compared with a year ago, prices are higher for broilers, milk, and eggs. Prices for hogs, cattle, calves, and turkeys are down from last year.

**Meat Animals:** The Index, at 159, is down 1.2 percent from last month and is 4.2 percent lower than a year earlier. The March hog price, at \$59.80 per hundredweight, is down \$4.70 from February and \$5.40 lower than a year ago. The March beef cattle price of \$125.00 per hundredweight up \$2.00 from last month but \$3.00 lower than March 2012.

**Dairy Products:** The Index, at 146, is down 2.0 percent from a month ago but 11 percent higher than March last year. The March all milk price of \$19.10 per hundredweight declined 40 cents from last month but is up \$1.90 from March 2012.

**Poultry & Eggs:** The index, at 197, is up 9.4 percent from February and 13 percent above a year earlier. The March market egg price, at 95.2 cents per dozen, increased 17.6 cents from February and is 16.1 cents higher than March 2012. The March broiler price, at 66.0 cents per pound, is up 5.0 from February and 9.0 cents above a year ago. The March turkey price, at 64.1 cents per pound, increased 1.4 cents from the previous month but is down 4.9 cents from a year earlier.

Prices Received for Selected Agricultural Commodities by month - United States: 2012 and 2013  
[Current month prices are mid-month; prices for previous months are for the entire month. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

Month	All wheat		Corn		Soybeans		Beef cattle <sup>1</sup>		All hogs	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per bushel)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)
January .....	7.05	8.12	6.07	6.96	11.90	14.30	125.00	126.00	63.50	63.80
February.....	7.10	7.97	6.28	7.04	12.20	14.60	127.00	123.00	65.50	64.50
March .....	7.20	7.66	6.35	7.18	13.00	14.50	128.00	125.00	65.20	59.80
April.....	7.11		6.34		13.80		124.00		62.80	
May .....	6.67		6.34		14.00		122.00		62.80	
June .....	6.70		6.37		13.90		121.00		70.20	
July .....	7.93		7.14		15.40		114.00		72.10	
August.....	8.04		7.63		16.20		117.00		66.90	
September.....	8.27		6.89		14.30		121.00		55.70	
October .....	8.38		6.77		14.20		123.00		62.00	
November.....	8.46		7.02		14.30		123.00		61.10	
December.....	8.29		6.87		14.30		124.00		62.40	

<sup>1</sup> Includes cows, steers, and heifers.